Bahbli Irrigation Project

288. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had objected to the proposal of the State Government of Maharashtra for inter-State Bahbli Irrigation Project;

(b) if so, whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh had represented to the Central Water Commission to stop work on this project;

(c) whether the Maharashtra Government has proceeded with the construction on a war footing;

(d) if so, at what stage the project is at present and whether the Maharashtra Government is resuming the work, in view of the opposition of Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(e) what is the latest position of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh brought to the notice of Ministry of Water Resources in May, 2005 the issue of construction of Bahbli barrage and represented to take suitable action to stop unauthorized construction.

(c) to (e) As per the CWC report of June, 2007, the construction of civil works of the barrage commenced in June-2005. It is further mentioned in the report that construction activities were ongoing during June, 2007.

Government of Andhra Pradesh has filed an Original Suit under Article 131 of Constitution against State of Maharahstra and Union of India and others. In the suit, the State of Andhra Pradesh has prayed to the Court to grant a permanent injuction restraining the State of Maharashtra from undertaking or proceeding with the construction of Bahbli Barrage within the reservoir water spread area of Pochampad Project. The matter is now sub-judice.

Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project

289. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project Phase-II;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 830 crores for the above project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the project is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Urban Devclopment have reported that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a project "Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project Phase-II" with an estimated cost of Rs. 830 crores under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).